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In Germany the railroads issue tickets for passengers and likewise tickets for dogs. It happened lately, at an important station that the supply of passenger tickets unexpectedly became exhausted, and the hipids had to content themselves with dog tickets, suitably amended.

Human nature is human nature. A certain country rector in England was given a purse of seventy-five pounds by his congregation as a token of esteem. He spent it in London in the purchase of a phaeton and harness. Thereupon a storm of criticism arose—first, because he had not patronized local tradesmen; second, because he had no business, as a plain parish priest, to indulge in a phaeton at all.

It is possible that no satisfactory currency reform legislation can be obtained from congress during the present session, but we may safely congratulate ourselves that at any rate there will be no free coinage nonsense. A canvass of the house discloses a majority of about two to one against free silver, which is a good deal better showing than has been made by the lower branch of any recent congress.

The city of Philadelphia has purchased for a million dollars the right to use the wonderful new illuminating gas, acetylene, and several Portland men are negotiating for the right to use it in Maine. Acetylene is a gas produced from coal by a new and cheap process, and it is believed that it will revolutionize the manufacture of gas. Experiments have shown that the new illuminant can be produced at about one-third of the cost of common gas.

The problem of the disposal of sewage is a serious one for inland towns, particularly so when the town is small and its taxable property insufficient to bear the burden. Several towns in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, facing this problem, have decided to club together in solving it. Yeadonborough will join with Clifton Heights, Landsdowne, and Fernwood in a joint system of sewerage, which will empty into a main pipe, following the course of the Darby Creek to tidewater in the Delaware river. Devon, Wayne, Llanerch, and other centres of population further north are expected to avail themselves of the advantages of the system. The State board of health is taking an active interest in the project, as it affects the health of a wide and populous district.

Patented artificial skin is now produced in Germany. It is made by removing the outer and inner mucous membranes of the intestines of animals and partly digesting them in a pepsin solution. The fibres are then treated with tannin and gallic acid, the result being a tissue which can be applied to wounds like a natural skin, and is entirely absorbed in the process of healing.

The case of the Canada Revue, a French newspaper published in Montreal, against the Roman Catholic archbishop of Quebec, has again been decided by the courts in favor of the archbishop. The Canada Revue published sharp criticisms of the conduct of some priests, for which publication the archbishop put it under the ban and forbade all Roman Catholics from reading or in any way contributing to its circulation or support. The result of this action of the archbishop was the practical ruin of the newspaper, and a suit against the archbishop by its proprietors for damages followed. The lower court, the judge in which is a Roman Catholic, decided that the archbishop was within his rights in condemning the Revue, and that the canon law on which that action was based was of equal force with the civil law in Quebec; and now the court of review of that province, with one judge dissenting, has confirmed the decision. The case now goes to the Dominion privy council, which is the court of last resort in Canada, and if the present decision is again reaffirmed it will be taken to the imperial privy council for final settlement.

A VISTA.

Victory by Yale in a debate opens a vista, as the Register might say. And a very pleasing vista it is. We have become accustomed to see Yale run off, jump off, row off, bat off and kick off with all the prizes of the athletic games. And, alas, we have also been accustomed to see others walk off and talk off with all the prizes of collegiate disputatious oratory. But there has been a change, and although one swallow doesn't make a summer, those who have eyes to see and faith to believe can see the summer in one swallow. The time is probably coming when Yale will be as invincible in the contest of minds and mouths as she is in the contests of bodily strength and skill. She does not need, like Harvard, to give up athletics in order to do something, or anything, in other branches of collegiate effort. She can attend to the whole business at the same time and show her superiority in all. The vista is exceedingly cheering. It lacks nothing that we can imagine, except, perhaps, moral and Christian endeavor enough to equal the physical and mental endeavor.

A STAGGERER.
The man who argued that there are no women in Heaven because the Bible says there was silence there for the space of half an hour may not have been as soundly logical as he thought he was. It gives us joy to tell such of our readers as may have been impressed by his argument that a very strong argument can be made against it. And it is also pleasant to report that the ground for that argument has been laid right here in Connecticut, where the women are so beautiful and so good that it is impossible to imagine that Heaven could be Heaven without them.

Those who knew what church sewing societies in small towns are know what the chief feature of their sessions is. They know how the bride is taken off the tongue at those sessions and how the unbridled tongue cavorts through the field of gossip. They know how the members enjoy the sessions and the chief feature of them. They know that a session without unbridled tongue would be like a tongue sandwich without the tongue. They would find it hard to believe that any session of any church sewing society had been held without unbridled tongue. They would be amazed to hear that even a session had been held with bridled tongue. And they would be temporarily paralyzed to know that a session had been held with no tongue, either bridled or unbridled. Yet such a one has been held, and held in Mansfield, Connecticut. It appears that the Second Ecclesiastical Society of that place is in need of a new horse-shed, and the sewing society connected with the ecclesiastical society became interested in the building of the shed. A man who was willing to appear to be willing to help the shed if it didn't cost him anything made up his mind that he could safely offer the women of the sewing society ten cents each for the shed fund if they would hold a session of their society without speaking a word. Several other men thought the idea a good one and made the same offer. The women skillfully got all the offers they could and then held the only silent session of a church sewing society ever held in Mansfield, or anywhere else, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

This incident teaches, if a session of a church sewing society in a small town can be held in silence unbroken by either bridled or unbridled tongue, is it not possible that the silence in Heaven for the space of half an hour was not due to the absence of women from that glorious place?

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.

Now that this country is a little more prosperous than it has been immigration is increasing. The total immigration for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, was 288,020, while that for the next year was only 253,535. For the six months ended October 31, 1895, however, the number of immigrants was 142,164, as against only 92,678 for the corresponding months of the previous year. This is a gain of 50 per cent. The immigration during the six months from May 1 to October 31 of the present year was within 48,799 of the total immigration at the port of New York for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895.

With this increase comes an increase of the feeling that something more ought to be done to prevent undesirable persons from coming into the country. There is no desire to exclude any immigrants whose character and intelligence fit them to become citizens, but a plan has been formed to urge a revision of the present laws governing immigration, and especially to make provision for the exclusion of all persons between 14 and 60 years of age who cannot both read and write the English language or some other language. There is an immigration restriction league, with headquarters at Boston, and this league has been looking into the illiteracy of immigrants. It finds that the number of persons over 16 years of age in each 100 of arrivals who cannot read and write their own language is as follows: Sweden and Norway, 1; Germany, 2; France, England and Scotland, 3; Ireland, 7; Wales, 3; average for these countries, 4. From other countries, however, the showing

is not so good. It is: Russia, 26; Poland, 29; Austria-Hungary, 30; Italy, 41; average for these countries, 32. It is claimed that observation has shown that the bad-natured class of immigrants are nearly all illiterate, while the frugal, honest workpeople who came here to get homes and to become citizens are very apt to be able to read and write well enough to meet the proposed requirement for admission.

FASHION NOTES

From Cold Secure.
Very useful sleeveless blouses are made of velvet trimmed with fur. The shoulder seam is very long so that the armhole is big enough to accommodate the biggest sleeve in its passage through, and the shoulder of the blouse extends in a generous curve forward over the sleeve like a round shoulder cap or eave. Such a blouse is made full in front and overhangs a belt. At the back it is drawn close, and sometimes little frill skirts show below the physical and mental endeavor.



belt. The collar is a high stock. The blouse fastens invisibly among the folds of the front, fur is the usual finish, and such a garment is a cozy addition to a gown planned for the street. A fur trimmed sleeveless jacket of another cut is displayed in the accompanying picture, where it is found of covert cloth, planned for wear on warm days, while for more severe weather the cape shown in the picture is worn. This cape is fur lined and like the jacket is fur edged in front. Over it comes a shorter one in deep points. All this is an accompaniment of a street dress of plaid woolen suiting with a moderately wide skirt laid in three pleats on each side, each pleat decorated with six buttons. Its blouse waist shows a wide center box-pleat studded with larger buttons, and has a stock collar and belt of folded velvet.

Jackets cut rather short and of the same length all around are made with very baggy loose fronts, there being no shaping to the figure apparent from the front, the line seeming to be a straight one from under the arms. As a matter of fact, the entire front is set on like a box-pleat and from the back the fitting into the figure under the arms is seen. Sleeves are all of the "melon" order; that is, they hang loose and so full that they groove themselves in elbow folds that remind one somewhat of the long cantaloupes, while the whole sleeve is in outline like a very big and long watermelon.

FLORETTE.

TAKEN.

Sat. On.—Traveler—"May I take the seat?" Maiden (from Boston, lolly)—Where do you wish to take it, sir?—Puck.

Mr. Underwaite—"So you want a job driving one of my coal teams, eh? Are you a saving man in your way?" Big Buckley (significantly)—Well, I'd be a saving man in your weigh, boss. I weigh 250.—Judge.

Out of it Entirely.—She—I wouldn't go out elything with a man I couldn't trust. He—I am afraid you wouldn't go with me. She—Why not? He—I am a man that even a livery stable keeper wouldn't trust.—Puck.

A—I am in a tight place. B.—What's the matter now? "I have got to raise \$50 by 3 o'clock to-morrow." "Why do you require precisely \$50?" "I have to pay a \$100 note in bank and I've got the other dollar."—Texas Siftings.

Millionaire.—Well, my dear baron, you seem to have an important communication to make. Baron—Councillor F.—I am happy to tell you the glad news that it is my intention to appoint you my father-in-law.—Deutsche Wespen.

"Why do people say, 'As happy as a clam'?" "Have you ever opened a clam shell?" "Yes, but—"

"Well, then, you must have noticed the amount of liquor it contained."—Tritch.

Daughter (reading letter)—But, pa, dear, in this last word you put a letter too much. Pa (self-made, and not a bit of pride about him)—Aye I, dear? Never mind; I dare say I left one out in some other word, so that'll square it.—Tit-Bits.

Too Much Style.—Maggie—And did you get the dandy letter I sent ye, with one of the missus' seals on the flap of it? Timmy—Is it a seal you call it? I thought ye had stuck it together with gum, and it made me too mad to open it.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Day After.—"I can't offer you anything," said the kind-hearted lady, "but some corned beef and cabbage." "Madam," replied Meandering Mike, "I'd be in a situation. I've walked four miles tryin' to find a house where they'd offer me somethin' besides dark meat an' wish-bones."—Washington Star.

Ferrari, the celebrated composer, relates the following anecdote in his memoirs. On a cold December night a man in a little village in the Tyrol opened the window and stood in front of it, with hardly any clothing on his back. "Peter!" shouted a neighbor, who was passing, "what are you doing there?" "I'm catching a cold." "What for?" "So I can sing bass to-morrow at church."—Household Words.

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